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The India Express among other media sources has reported that a "glitzy" casino will be opening in Jericho in the West Bank--the seat of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA). Even though the Israeli Government on religious grounds forbids casinos in Israel, Israelis are expected to be the main customers. Although the PNA permits casinos, Palestinians will likely not be customers--both because of their own religious beliefs and coercive prompts from Islamic fundamentalists. And though millions of tax revenues for the PNA, profits for the PNA elite, and still other profits and revenues for other political and religious entities are likely, only a very high-risks gamble would bet against a future terrorist operation related to the casino.

The operation may be an attempt to damage the casino itself, Israeli customers in the casino or those coming and going from it, Palestinian and foreign casino workers, and/or Palestinian and foreign casino investors. But as a social psychologist might surmise, there are just too many affordances, too much stimulus pull, too compelling a stimulus field for terrorist behavior not to be elicited.

The Oasis is adjacent to a town that includes fundamentalist Muslims. These fundamentalists and other residents are legitimately concerned about alien and criminal behaviors and cultures--e.g., prostitution, drugs--occurring proximal to a simple and traditional way of life. The town's residents are very poor--a jarring contrast to the status of probable casino customers.

Most likely, accommodations are being worked out to allow so much financial activity to occur before a terrorist event occurs. The event may even be staged to allow further--if modified--casino operations. At least equally likely, some "renegade group" will engage in a terrorist operation. The group and its financiers will view the casino and its related activities as cultural and religious terrorism that needs to be expunged.

When it comes to a long and safe run of the Oasis, all bets should be off. IBPP Note. Thanks to Mr. Gil Grein, an undergraduate in Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Science, Technology, and Globalization Program who served as a research consultant for this article. (See Anderson, C.A., Benjamin, A.J., Jr., & Bartholow, B.D. (1998). Does the gun pull the trigger? Automatic priming effects of weapon pictures and weapon names. *Psychological Science*, 9, 308-314; Costall, A. (1995). Socializing affordances. *Theory and Psychology*, 5, 467-481; Gaver, W.W. (1996). Situating action II: Affordances for interaction: The Social is material for design. *Ecological Psychology*, 8, 111-129; Sedan, G. (June 29, 1998). Raising hopes for tourism, a casino rises in biblical Jericho. *Jewish Telegraphic Agency*, <http://www.jta.org>; (September 16, 1998). Casinoeröffnung in Jericho war ein Reiserfolg. <http://asp.casinos.at/e/home.htm>; Smith, N.W., & Smith, L.L. (1996). Field theory in science: Its role as a necessary and sufficient condition in psychology. *Psychology Record*, 46, 3-19; Sontag, D. (September 15, 1998). Arafat's gamble: A casino for an Israeli clientele. *The New York Times*, <http://www.nytimes.com>; The desert blooms, Las Vegas style. (May 14, 1998). *The Indian Express*, <http://www.expressindia.com>; Vallacher, R.R., & Nowak, A. (1997). The emergence of dynamical social

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